

## Message Text

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USMISSION GENEVA

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TAGS: PFOR CSCE SZ

SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS WITH NEUTRALS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION

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1. SUMMARY: IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, HANSJORG RENK, DEP  
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CHIEF, SECRETARIAT, FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPT, DISCUSSED  
CURRENT SWISS THINKING CSCE AND BELGRADE. HE CONFIRMED SWISS  
VIEWS THEIR PROPOSAL ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT DISPUTES REMAINS  
AS REPORTED REPAIR. SWISS ARE REVIEWING POSITION SOVIET  
THREE CONFERENCES PROPOSAL, AND RENK WOULD LIKE TO KNOW  
WHETHER ANY CHANGE US POSITION LIKELY. END SUMMARY.

2. RENK TOLD US ON MAR 10 THAT SWISS WILL MAKE NO BASIC CHANGES IN THEIR PROPOSAL ON COMPULSORY PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES PRIOR TO THE OCT BELGRADE MEETING. THEY MAY CIRCULATE A DRAFT INFORMALLY PRIOR TO THAT MEETING, BUT THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF PUTTING THE SUBSTANCE OF THEIR PROPOSAL ON THE AGENDA. THEY DO INTEND TO ASK THAT A DATE BE SET FOR A MEETING OF EXPERTS AFTER THE BELGRADE MEETING ADJOURNS TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL.

3. RENK SAID SWITZERLAND DOES NOT FAVOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE HELSINKI OR BELGRADE CONFERENCES, BUT WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE SWISS ENVISAGE THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP SEVERAL EXPERT GROUPS TO DEAL WITH ISSUES ARISING FROM THE BELGRADE MEETING. THESE GROUPS MIGHT REPORT TO GOVTS OR TO ANOTHER BELGRADE-TYPE CONFERENCE. THE SWISS ARE LIKELY TO PROPOSE IMPROVEMENTS IN CMD'D. RENK ARGUES THAT THESE WOULD NOT BE "NEW" PROPOSALS, SINCE SUCH IMPROVEMENTS ARE CLEARLY ENVISAGED IN THE FINAL ACT.

4. SWISS ARE RE-THINKING THEIR POSITION, IN PREPARATION FOR THE MONTH-END ECE MEETING, ON THE THREE CONFERENCES PROPOSED BY THE SOVIETS. RENK SAID HE HAD HEARD WE ARE DOING THE SAME, AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PASS ON TO HIM AS TO WHETHER A CHANGE IN THE US POSITION IS LIKELY.

5. HE SAID THE NEUTRALS WOULD NOT MEET AGAIN ON CASCE UNTIL MAY. IN THE MEANTIME THERE WILL BE DISCUSSIONS IN STRASBOURG AT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND SWISS PLAN TO VISIT PRAGUE AND BUCHAREST FOR BILATERAL TALKS.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING ANY INFO WE CAN PASS ON TO SWISS ON CURRENT US THINKING ABOUT HOW BEST TO DEAL WITH SOVIET-PROPOSED CONFERENCES, IN THE ECE OR BELGRADE FRAMEWORKS. IF OUR POSITION IS NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BE ABLE TO TEL THE SWISS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DAVIS

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